Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, Mary Pat Bierle, M.A., Instructor of Political Science in the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of South Dakota, will retire on May 31, 2016; and,

Whereas, Mary Pat has admirably served higher education in the Department of Political Science and the College of Arts & Sciences at the University of South Dakota for nearly 13 years, receiving Faculty Member and Instructor of the Year awards for the high quality of her teaching; and,

Whereas, Mary Pat has been a teacher, adviser, and mentor to more than 1,000 students at the University of South Dakota, educating and guiding them as they transitioned from freshmen to informed citizens and accomplished professionals; and,

Whereas, Mary Pat has been responsible for overseeing foundation courses in the Political Science major, including the critical internship program that annually placed scores of top students in legislative and executive offices at all levels of government through her carefully developed networks of contacts; and,

Whereas, Mary Pat has cultivated, carefully prepared, and propelled countless students into major national scholarships, graduate and professional schools, and critical first jobs through her tireless advocacy on behalf of those whom she so thoroughly mentored; and,

Whereas, Mary Pat has provided exemplary service to the Department of Political Science, the University of South Dakota, and public and private organizations through her many outreach activities, with especially notable service as the director of the department's extensive internship program; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper to honor this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim May 31, 2016, as

MARY PAT BIERLE DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twelfth Day of April in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State